



January 2012

Winter In Reno/Photo: Lupita Paredes-Miranda

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1910: A massive flood wipes out 84 miles of railroad in the Muddy River Valley, said to be the greatest calamity to affect a railroad in U.S. history at the time.	2 1868: Bridges in Reno and the Carson Valley were swept away by flooding.	3 1997: The most severe flooding in history in the eastern Sierra and western Nevada.	4 2008: A winter storm brought 1.91 inches of precipitation to Reno. Gusts of 82 mph in Baker tore part of the roof off an elementary school.	5 1974: Snow fell in Las Vegas from the afternoon of the 4 th into the morning of the 5 th and totaled 9 inches.	6 1910: Lovelock had a morning low of -10°F.	7 1890: Reno reported a morning low of -18°F.
8 1937: All-time Nevada state record low set, -50 °F at San Jacinto.	9 1949: Big southern Nevada snowstorm commenced on this date. 9.7 inches in Las Vegas, 18 inches at Indian Springs and 65.6 inches at Mt. Charleston.	10 1930: Snow fell in Las Vegas from the 10 th into the 11 th . 12 inches measured on Fremont Street.	11 2005: Over 200 homes in the Overton, Mesquite and Caliente areas were damaged or destroyed by flood waters.	12 1949: 20 inches of snow strand nearly 50,000 sheep and 15,000 cows without food in Lincoln County.	13 1907: 15.0 inches of snow fell at Ely, greatest daily snowfall ever in Ely in January.	14 1988: A gust of 90 mph was recorded at the Reno airport. Widespread damage resulted. It was estimated that 15,000 homes lost power.
15 1949: Reno had a morning low of -12°F.	16 1974: Strong winds damaged the Nevada Bell microwave tower on McClellan Peak.	17 1916: Reno received 22.5 inches of snow – its greatest 1-day snowfall total ever.	18 1890: 27.0 inches of snow fell at Virginia City.	19 1883: Lowest daily maximum temperature ever recorded in Winnemucca in any month, high of -1°F .	20 1949: Hundreds of jackrabbits invaded Tonopah due to the cold and snow seeking food, some even running through stores.	21 1937: Low of -43°F, lowest temperature for any month at Elko.
22 1937: Low of 9°F in Las Vegas froze many pipes. Schools had trouble keeping warm and coal was in short supply in the city.	23 1987: One to three inches of snow fell across Humboldt county, resulting in slick and hazardous roads.	24 1996: 18.4 inches of snow was dumped on Elko, setting an all-time daily record.	25 1937: Las Vegas dropped to 8°F, setting an all-time record low for the city.	26 1949: Planes dropped boxes of hay onto the ground in Lincoln County to feed cows and sheep stranded by snow.	27 1969: High winds blew over trailers in Tonopah, while heavy rains fell in Bunkerville washing out an earthen dam.	28 1894: Low of 40°F at Ely, highest daily minimum temperature ever recorded in Ely in January.
29 1986: Daily record high of 64°F set at Reno and 62°F tied at Winnemucca.	30 1990: Two pilots reported a tornado over open desert about 22 miles east of Las Vegas.	31 1979: Snow fell continuously for 23 hours and 31 minutes in Las Vegas on this date with a storm total of 7.8 inches.	Spotlight On Safety: Space Heaters Winter's chill can bring the need to keep warm. If you use a space heater: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep it at least 3 feet from flammable materials.• Place it in a level area where no one can knock it over.• Avoid using with an extension cord.• Make sure you never leave it unattended.			